

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
LANCE GERSHEN

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Lance Gershen, M.D.

Dr. Gershen was born in 1944 in New York City, where he spent his childhood. He attended Stuyvesant High School and then went on to study at Brooklyn College of The City University of New York. After graduating in 1965, Dr. Gershen received his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1969.

Dr. Gershen's professional ambitions were delayed when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, during which time he served at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Chicago. Upon discharge from the military, Dr. Gershen moved to California where he completed his residency at The Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Gershen then made his way to Contra Costa County and began working as a pediatrician at Diablo Valley Pediatrics where he became a principal partner. Dr. Gershen was also the Pediatric Department Chairman at several local hospitals and President of the East Bay Pediatric Society. One of Dr. Gershen's many achievements came when he developed the first alternative birthing center in the East Bay. Dr. Gershen's professional legacy, which spanned over 40 years, is one of thoughtfulness and dedication to children and families.

In his personal life, Dr. Gershen was an active participant in his community. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Walnut Creek, the J Mensch men's group, and helped found JBL, a Jewish men's softball team. Above all else, Dr. Gershen loved spending time with his family. Dr. Gershen's faith in humanity was seen in his compassionate nature and his work to improve the lives of others.

Following Dr. Gershen's diagnosis with Parkinson's Disease, he learned about the Parkinson Network of Mt. Diablo. Serving as co-president, he worked to support and provide resources to others living with the disease. Dr. Gershen's own battle with Parkinson's never impacted his work to help others.

Sadly, Dr. Gershen passed away this year at the age of 75. He is survived by his eight children, fourteen grandchildren, and his wife Cindy. Please join me in honoring Dr. Lance Gershen for his many contributions to our community and this country. Dr. Gershen was a cherished member of Contra Costa County and he will be missed.

RECOGNIZING AMBER HARBIN

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the 2,977 victims who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and four hijacked planes.

For all Americans, September 11th will be marked in our minds and hearts forever as a solemn day where innocent men and women were killed in what became the greatest attack on this nation since Pearl Harbor.

After the attacks, the Conway Fire Department sent firefighters to Ground Zero in New York to help. In October 2011, the Conway Fire Department requested and received a large piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

That piece sat inside Central Station until Conway resident Kevin Bass took it upon himself to create a memorial, launching the Citizens for Conway 9-11 Memorial page.

Thanks to the efforts of the Conway Fire Department, Conway city officials, and Mr. Bass, that piece of the World Trade Center is now a memorial to honor those who lost their lives.

The Searcy Fire Department also was selected by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to receive an I-beam of steel from the World Trade Center.

The Searcy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary organized a fundraiser to cover the costs of that memorial. They had businesses and residents in Searcy to sponsor one of 343 American flags that were placed along the Beebe-Capps Expressway. The flags were placed on September 11, 2011, and each bore a ribbon with the name of a firefighter killed on 9/11.

Thanks to the community's help, the 9/11 Memorial is a focal point at the Searcy Fire Department today.

Both memorials stand as stark reminders of the constant bravery and heroism displayed by our nation's firefighters.

This year, on the 19th anniversary of September 11, I pray for the families who lost loved ones and friends who no longer have their companions.

May their cherished memories of good times, laughter, and happiness never fade.

HONORING HODARI P.T. BROWN

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fine example of Hodari P.T. Brown, a resident of Redford Township, Michigan.

Mr. Brown is an active and engaged member of the community. Born and raised in De-

troit, Michigan, he graduated from Detroit Public Schools before going on to earn his Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, and Doctorate of Management degrees. Further, Mr. Brown is a proud military veteran.

He currently serves as Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Small Business Administration Michigan District Office, where he helps entrepreneurs grow their businesses with valuable resources and exposure. His dynamic career spans more than 15 years of excellence in leadership, customer service, project management, program management, public affairs and talent acquisition. Throughout his career, he has managed projects throughout key milestones for critical strategic initiatives and has helped bridge lines of communication between diverse groups and organizations.

Mr. Brown has earned numerous accolades for his hard work and leadership. He currently sits and holds offices with various advisory boards, committees and organizations such as the United State Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), First Independence Bank Millennial Advisory Board, President of Detroit Tennessee State University Alumni Association Foundation, Co-Campaign Chair of the National Business League Inc. Detroit Chapter, Board Member of BUF Connect of Michigan, and the co-founder/creator of the Young Millennium Power Hour, which is a forum for Young Entrepreneurs to get information about how to start, grow and expand a small business. Most recently, he has been recognized as a Junior Chamber International Michigan 2020 Outstanding Michigander of the Year.

Please join me in celebrating Mr. Hodari P.T. Brown's outstanding contributions.

HONORING COLE SAMPSON AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a dedicated and community-minded young man from Cass County for this week's Iowan of the Week. Cole Sampson, now a freshman at Iowa State University, was recently honored with the 2020 Silver Cord Scholarship in his hometown of Atlantic, Iowa. The Silver Cord Program promotes volunteerism with all civic organizations in the area. Atlantic High School seniors who volunteered a minimum of 200 hours throughout their high school career graduated this year with a silver cord and were eligible for a scholarship provided by the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The Silver Cord program was started to educate students about the importance of community service. It gives students the opportunity to see firsthand how investing their time can enhance and grow their community,"

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Bailey Smith, Executive Director of the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Cole volunteered for numerous community activities, including Red Cross community blood drives, RAGBRAI, AtlanticFest, Coca-Cola Days, Christmas in Atlantic Ice-Skating Rink, and more. One of his favorite days among them was enlisting at a company picnic for a local organization. There, he manned bouncy castles and was able to interact with a lot of great community members.

"A big lesson I learned from these experiences was the importance of coordination and communication. I saw the many details and all the preparation that goes into events like these and how it can go smoothly if things are well planned and executed. I come from a family who believes in volunteering," Cole stated.

Volunteerism is significant to the entire Sampson family, Cole's mother Jackie being an encouraging force for Cole to continue volunteering within his community. His grandmother, Eleanor Hoover, was also a role model for what it means to be a true member of the community.

"My grandmother was always ready to help in the community in any way she was able, whether it was with sporting competitions, YMCA events, or with anyone else who needed a hand," said Cole.

Maintaining a rural community takes many hands and the work is never finished. Atlantic's Silver Cord Scholarship program is a great example of not only how to maintain a community, but also how to instill from a young age a sense of purpose and pride in giving back for the greater good. Because of that early engagement and opportunity to learn, a young man is carrying important Iowa values with him from Atlantic to Ames and beyond. I am proud to recognize Cole for his dedication to supporting his hometown and causes that make a meaningful, local impact. I am even prouder knowing there are many young people from communities across southwest Iowa who are carrying that same spirit forward as they embark on the next phase. It is my honor to share Cole Sampson's story and recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF INA RAE BURDMAN LEVY

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ina Rae Burdman Levy, of Sarasota, Florida, who passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Levy was born July 22, 1929, to Harry and Doris Burdman, in Youngstown, Ohio. Each of her parents immigrated to the United States from Russia in the 1920s. Mrs. Levy was raised in Youngstown, and in 1957, she married the love of her life, Rabbi Theodore S. Levy. Together for 48 beautiful years, they lived in Huntington, West Virginia, and Waterbury, Connecticut, and then settled with their family in Syracuse, New York, for 30 years. After Syracuse they spent 10 years on Hilton Head Island, where Rabbi Levy died in 2004. Ina Rae moved to Sarasota, Florida and into the Sarasota Bay Club, where she enjoyed

continued community work, new friends and being closer to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Levy's life was full of educational pursuits, community involvement, philanthropic work, family and travel. Ina Rae Levy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in family therapy in 1972 from Syracuse University. Her relationship with Syracuse University continued throughout the 1970s while she worked as an assistant professor and assistant to the dean in the College of Human Development. Mrs. Levy was involved in innumerable local and worldwide organizations and received many awards as a result of her impact in those organizations. She was vice president of the New York State Federations of Women's Clubs and was the first president of the Women's Assembly of Syracuse Jewish Federation. Levy was also active in the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and was the president of her district. As a vice chair for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, she traveled extensively with her husband, visiting member Reform Congregations around the world. While in Syracuse, Mrs. Levy was also the president of the prestigious Upstate Medical Center. Levy once received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Levy was also tireless in her devotion to the equality and advancement of women. She was named by the Syracuse Post-Standard as the Woman of Achievement in Career Development in 1972 and again in 1985 she was named the Overall Woman of Achievement. In addition, she was always involved in and passionate about Planned Parenthood and The League of Women Voters wherever she lived. One of Ina Rae's proudest achievements was being the only woman invited to participate in the first ordination of Rabbis since the Holocaust in Dresden, Germany.

When Mrs. Levy moved to Sarasota, she once again became active in her synagogue, became an active member of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), chairing fundraising events in both Sarasota and Tampa. She always was concerned with the plight of Jews around the world. In 2005, Mrs. Levy was instrumental in the donation of a Holocaust Torah from a synagogue in Youngstown to a small synagogue in a small Russian community. She regretted not being able to attend the Torah dedication herself.

Despite all of the accolades and achievements, foremost for Mrs. Levy was her love for her family. She had three younger brothers, Ronald, B. Richard and Kenneth Burdman, all who predeceased her. She leaves behind two sisters-in-law, Babette Burdman and Marsha Burdman and their families. In addition to her children, Seth (and wife, Alice), Cyndi and Jonathan (and wife, Karen), she leaves five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. They were all the joys of her life.

I sincerely thank Mrs. Levy for her years of dedicated service and activism. She truly embodied the spirit and grit of the Mahoning Valley. I am proud to be friends with Mrs. Levy's son, Jonathan, and his wife, Karen. My deepest condolences go out to Mrs. Levy's entire family, and to all whose lives she touched.

#### APPRECIATING BILL RISER

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina is appreciating the extraordinary service of the late Bill Riser, as so well revered by The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg on August 21, 2020:

JOHN W. RISER SR.

WEST COLUMBIA—On Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, John William "Bill" Riser Sr., loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at the age of 86 after a short illness.

Bill was born on Jan. 4, 1934, in Bowman, to the late Thomas "Doc" Riser Sr. and Nell Weathers Riser. He received a BS degree from Clemson University in 1957, where he played basketball from 1952-56. He was on the first Clemson team to play in the first ACC Conference in 1954. He worked for the Clemson University Extension Service in Aiken, Saluda and Richland counties retiring in 1989. In 2015, he was in the first class of inductees to be inducted into the A. Frank Lever County Extension Agent Hall of Fame for service to S.C. and the farming industry.

Bill also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1991-2002 for House District No. 69, Lexington County. His tenure in the House included effective membership on the critical Ways and Means Committee and on the budget subcommittee for Higher Education, TECH, and Cultural, as well as his vital chairmanship of the legislative Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee. He was also a member of the Agricultural, Natural Resources and Environment Affairs Committee for four years.

Bill served his community well, and never met a stranger. When he became Richland County's top agent, he became a media star, hosting the Early Riser show from 1976-89, and was a columnist for The State. A longtime farmer and extension agent, he never refused to share plant and garden tips as he traveled the countryside. Bill was a former Jaycee, Lion's Club member, and worked with the youth in the 4-H program in Saluda County.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Peggy Ann Gwinn Riser. They raised three children, Deborah A. Riser of Columbia, Karen R. Roof (Robert) of Eastover and John W. Riser Jr. (Jennifer) of Atlanta; four grandchildren, Caldwell Roof, Kirsten McClam, Emma Riser and Chloe Riser; as well as one great-grandchild, Drakeford McClam.

#### HONORING EMORY ALTIZER

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Emory Ralph Altizer of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, who passed away on August 29 at the age of 99. Once recognized as America's oldest coal miner, Mr. Altizer represented the strong work ethic, spirit, patriotism, and faith that characterize the people of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District whom I am honored to serve.

Mr. Altizer was a native of Tazewell County, born on August 12, 1921 to William and Chloe

Day Altizer. He graduated in 1940 from Richlands High School. He began his career in the coal mines of Southwest Virginia in the 1930s. He told Coal People Magazine in 2007 that the first time he entered an underground mine, he could stand up in low-seam coal. "I was raised in mining," Mr. Altizer said. "Don't know why I liked it. I just did."

Like many of his generation, his life was interrupted by World War II; also like so many, he proudly served, manning the tail gun of a Martin PBM Mariner flying boat stationed aboard the USS *Chandeleur*.

After the war, he resumed his career in the coal mines, working at a succession of them over 68 years. He saw the industry change many times, but he remained dedicated to it. As he said to Coal People Magazine, "I'm getting old, I know, and I realize someday I'm going to have to quit, but I don't want to. Don't want any handouts. If I ever thought I couldn't help, I would quit."

In 2012, when he stopped working in the mines at last at the age of 91, he was recognized as America's oldest coal miner. He met then-candidate Donald Trump in 2016, and I had the honor to meet Mr. Altizer several times as well.

Mining was important to Mr. Altizer, but it wasn't the only thing. He was a charter member of the Richlands Tabernacle and attended Belfast Full Gospel Fellowship. He was married for 73 years to his wife Lila, and they had six children.

Emory Altizer is survived by Lila, his children Danny, Dana, Diane, and Doug, thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and his brother Landon. I would like to offer them my condolences. In a region that takes pride in its coal mining heritage, Emory Altizer became a legend.

#### HONORING CROSSROADS CHURCH FOR 25 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my home church, Crossroads Church, for a quarter century of Christian ministry in Concord, North Carolina. I am both grateful and proud to be part of this family, which continues to grow in membership and impact while embracing our mission to create a community where people are welcomed home, built up, and sent out.

Crossroads Church first met in 1995 when Pastor Lowell McNaney and thirty-five others gathered to worship in an office building. We inhabited a number of other worship locations, including a delicatessen, poolside, and roller rink, before making our home on 22 acres of land where we offer multiple ministries that each day transform lives. Our youth group planted a church in Mexico and was the very first recipient of the Denman Award for their impact in evangelism.

As we celebrate today, I am reminded of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before

men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." A steward of grace in our community, Crossroads has ministered under bridges, at sprawling cathedrals, and everywhere in-between. Crossroads has sent out dozens of medical mission teams, disaster relief teams, and building teams, and their missions have fed tens of thousands of people locally and around the world.

Crossroads has seen countless international ministries launch from our body and raised up many first-time pastors, missionaries, and youth leaders; among them, Capstone Climbing and Adventure, Seekers Aquatic Adventure, Anathon, Nehemiah International Ministries, and Elder Orphan Care.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to my good friend, Pastor Lowell McNaney, and our entire church family for 25 years of service and dedication to our community. Renee, Lane, and I look forward to the next 25 years together.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Crossroads Church for a quarter century of Christian ministry in our community and across the globe.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

#### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention my full statement honoring my late friend and colleague John Lewis, was not included in the RECORD on July 22, 2020; only my brief remarks on the House floor were recorded. I am resubmitting below my full statement that I prepared for delivery so it may be properly reflected in the RECORD:

No one loved Nashville as much as John Lewis. The self-described 'boy from Troy' Alabama arrived in Nashville on a bus, with a ticket purchased by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King wanted John to study at American Baptist College, one of Nashville's four legendary HBCUs. For anyone wondering how to honor the legacy of John Lewis, think of his alma mater, American Baptist, or the other justly-famous Nashville HBCU he later attended, Fisk University. If you want more John Lewis's in our world, those were his beloved training grounds.

John loved reminiscing about Nashville. Once, when John was trying to integrate the Krystal restaurant on West End, the manager panicked and locked John inside alone. The fire-suppression system was turned on, filling the building with gas. John could have suffocated but he somehow managed to escape unharmed. Yet he never hated the manager whose panic could have killed him. He understood the man's fear and tried to ease his fear.

John loved learning non-violence from Dr. James Lawson who led seminars, including at the Highlander Folk School, about how to resist the overwhelming urge to fight back during protests despite the taunts, the insults, the cigarette burns, the physical blows, and even the broken bones. They practiced hurting each other so they knew they were battle-hardened. The young activists knew the danger. They made out their wills before joining the Freedom Rides.

As congressman, John was always kind to meet with visitors, interns and staffers from Nashville, and even individual families, who wanted a moment with the great man, the historic figure, the living saint. After the meeting, they were starry-eyed, often crying from the intensity and purity of the encounter. John also accepted as many invitations as he could to speak in Nashville, once bringing the Faith & Politics pilgrimage to Nashville.

John made history again with his anti-gun-violence protest on the floor of this House in 2016. We on the Democratic side were honored to follow his leadership, his empathy for victims, his impatience with injustice, and his moral courage. His friends across the aisle could not quite comprehend his motivation or his actions, but he forgave them anyway.

Nashville's current District Attorney, Glenn Funk, contacted me a few months ago to ask John how he would like his Nashville arrest records handled: expungement, apology, or even, it sounded like, a ticker-tape parade. Much like when I personally witnessed Montgomery's police chief officially apologize to John for his treatment at the hands of local authorities, I was happy that John was finally being recognized by Nashville, the city he loved, for causing Good Trouble, only Good Trouble, just the way his mother preferred it, if he had to get in trouble at all. I believe that John was called by God to get in Good Trouble and I am thankful that he accepted that call, for the sake of us all.

#### COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY

#### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the grand opening of the Cherokee Charter Academy of Gaffney, South Carolina.

The Cherokee Charter Academy offers a quality, well-rounded education to students of South Carolina cost-free. Their mission is simple: to be the best educational institution in the Upstate developing the next generation of American citizens.

A core belief of the Cherokee Charter Academy is that a good education is not one-size-fits-all. Their commitment to a holistic approach to learning is rooted in the belief that education is best when individual growth is of higher priority than judging a student by the performance of their peers. The academy recognizes the importance of a diverse, rigorous education for young minds which is why in addition to core subjects, students have physical education and are exposed to either music or art class every single day. The Cherokee Charter Academy is where kids get to be kids.

Gaffney will not only be the peach capital of South Carolina, but also home to some of the brightest students the state has to offer.

I congratulate the town of Gaffney and Cherokee County on their beautiful new elementary school and the students on the bright future ahead of them as the next generation of leaders. Go Patriots.

IN HONOR OF ANNA MAC CLARKE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anna Mac Clarke. Ms. Clarke was a native of Anderson County, Kentucky and worked to desegregate our nation's armed forces during WWII. Today she is honored with the renaming of her hometown Main Street in her honor.

Ms. Clarke grew up in Anderson County and was a 1937 graduate of Lawrenceburg High School. She then furthered her education at Kentucky State College where she participated in athletics, wrote for the school newspaper, and joined Delta Sigma Theta sorority before graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics in 1941. Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor, Ms. Clarke decided to join the all-female Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC).

Upon completion of WAAC officer training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Third Officer Anna Mac Clarke became the first African-American WAAC assigned to a command that was otherwise an all-white unit. Ms. Clarke went on to lead a unit of 144 African-American women in service at Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana before also serving at the WAAC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. After the WAAC auxiliary units became a part of the regular army, Ms. Clarke let the first Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit onto base at Douglas Army Air Field in Arizona. When she and her unit first arrived, the base was segregated. However, Ms. Clarke stood against this injustice, refused to sit in the colored section, and raised this issue with commanding officers. In response, the commanding officer issued the following order, "Educate properly all enlisted and civilian personnel in your respective departments to accept any colored WACs assigned as you would any white man or woman in the Army of the United States. Every consideration, respect, courtesy, and toleration will be afforded every colored WAC. No discrimination will be condoned."

Ms. Anna Mac Clarke sadly passed away on April 19, 1944 at the age of 24 following complications from surgery. Yet, her steadfast contributions to the desegregation of our armed forces serve as an extraordinary example of courage and patriotism in service to one's country. It is my honor to recognize Ms. Clarke, as a street is renamed today in her honor in her hometown of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. I am forever grateful for brave Americans like Anna Mac Clarke.

CONGRATULATING MS. JAILENE FRANCOIS FOR WINNING THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION IN FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Jailene Francois for

submitting the winning entry in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition for Florida's 20th Congressional District. Jailene is a 10th grader at Millennium 6–12 Collegiate Academy in Tamarac, Florida. Her photograph, entitled "Oppression," represents the oppression faced by people of color in America. The piece features a black and white photograph of a small African-American girl, crying, with a white X across her lips.

Typically, we would recognize and congratulate young artists from Congressional Districts throughout the United States with a celebration here in the Capitol. This year is anything but typical. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced millions of American to cancel or postpone their celebrations and we in Congress are not exempt.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride in honoring Jailene for her inspiring art work, which will be displayed on Capitol Hill for the next year.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF PAUL DEBOLT)

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Paul DeBolt upon his retirement as an educator in Contra Costa County after forty years.

A West Contra Costa native and graduate of De Anza High School in Richmond, Paul attended Contra Costa College before transferring to San Diego State University, where he was a walk-on member of the Aztecs' basketball team. It was during this pursuit of his passion for basketball that Paul discovered another passion in journalism. He graduated with a degree in journalism in 1977 and earned a Master's Degree in mass communications from San Diego State in 1980.

After completing his education, Paul returned to Contra Costa College, teaching journalism and advising the student newspaper. In the classroom, he introduced Contra Costa's diverse student population to the basics of journalism. Through his tutelage and practical experience, students learned the value that quality, accurate reporting can have on communities across the country. Paul even counted among his students his own son David, who would eventually go on to win a Pulitzer Prize for his role in reporting on Oakland's Ghost Ship Fire.

In 1986, Paul started a women's basketball team at Contra Costa College. By the time he stepped down in 2016, he had led the Comets to 11 Bay Valley Conference titles, four visits to California's final eight, three trips to the final four, and two visits to the state championship. Following the state championship game in 2001, Paul was named the California Community College Women's Basketball Association Coach of the Year.

Paul's work in the classroom and on the court has impacted the lives of countless students and athletes at Contra Costa College. As he retires from Contra Costa College, we wish Paul well knowing that his legacy will continue to inspire all those who have known and worked with him.

REMEMBERING STAFF SERGEANT VINCENT MARKETTA

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta of Brick, New Jersey, who tragically passed away following an accident while conducting aviation training with this Regiment. He was just 33 years old.

Staff Sergeant Marketta enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2011 as a 15T UH-60 "Black Hawk" Repairer, and was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). While assigned to the 160th SOAR, he was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and deployed multiple times to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During his service, Staff Sergeant Marketta was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal with V Device for heroism against an armed enemy, and an Army Commendation Medal with C Device.

Staff Sergeant Marketta represents the kind of uncommon courage and sacrifice that defines our service members and their families. Vincent was a loyal and dedicated member of his family and community and served bravely alongside his Regiment in defending our nation abroad. His passing is a tragedy that is felt in Brick, and across the State of New Jersey.

The immense sacrifice that Vincent and his family have made in service to our country is a reminder to all of us in Congress that we are here serving something greater than ourselves. My heart goes out to Staff Sergeant Marketta's family, and the entire Brick community during this incredibly difficult time. Vincent Marketta's dedication and service to our country will not be forgotten.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. FRENCH HARMON

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend and pastor, Dr. French Harmon, who has been elected to lead the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

During a time of great unrest in our nation, the church remains our guiding light as an invisible enemy attacks the health of Americans, our economy, and our way of life. It is spiritual leaders like Dr. Harmon who will ensure that our sovereign God is still recognized as the cornerstone of our blessed and sovereign nation.

His servant's heart has never been resigned to ministry inside a building. Rather, Dr. Harmon has embodied the love of Christ through his outreach in every community where he has resided, and through mission work in foreign countries, including Brazil, Israel, Kenya, and South Africa. Successful ministries are often defined by congregation size, tithing growth and doctoral achievements; to that end, Dr. Harmon is among the elite as a Doctor of Philosophy, a Doctor of Ministry, a Master of Theology, a Master of Divinity and upwards of

200% growth in church membership and giving throughout his pastoral assignments. However, it is with great humility that Dr. Harmon would suggest that there is no greater success in ministry than simply sharing the gospel of Christ to a lost world in need of a Savior. As a member of his congregation at First Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky, I can personally attest that countless lives have changed as a result of his dedication to Christ's Great Commission.

In recent years, Dr. Harmon has been a consummate advocate for the needs of the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. He organized an anti-drug abuse march and rally in partnership with Operation UNITE to combat the opioid abuse epidemic in our Appalachian region. I recruited him to share his wisdom and expertise as a board member, and now Vice Chair, of SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region, an initiative to revitalize and diversify our coal-producing region. I deeply appreciate his ingenuity and guidance as we collectively work to inspire and generate new economic development opportunities in the mountains.

In addition to serving as my pastor, I count Dr. Harmon as a true friend and trusted advisor. In fact, I invited him to lead prayer on Capitol Hill for the U.S. House of Representatives and to join me during meetings with prominent leaders over the years, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He has been a tremendous ambassador for the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Somerset.

For those reasons, I find it bittersweet to congratulate Dr. Harmon as he begins a new chapter as President of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. My prayer for Dr. Harmon and his family is written in Numbers 6:24–26, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

#### HONORING SIG SANCHEZ

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sig Sanchez on his upcoming 100th birthday.

Sig was born in Hollister, California as the second eldest of eleven children. Raised by his Spanish immigrant parents on his family farm, he would eventually have his own farm before entering public service.

In our community, Sig is well known as a pillar of the community and champion of south Santa Clara County. Seven years ago, I rose to honor Sig's accomplishments and thank him for his dedication to our community. He spent over 55 years in public service before retiring, spending numerous years as a Gilroy City Councilmember and Mayor, before becoming a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and then joining as a Valley Water Board Director. He was a key player in the merger of water districts that allowed for full integration of all the county's reservoirs and groundwater facilities, as well as many other important projects. Sig guided the community through the floods in the 1980s and the 1987 drought.

Sig's impact and influence is well documented in our community. He has been inducted into the Gilroy Hall of Fame and was named Man of the Year by Gilroy's Chamber of Commerce in 2013. Even a portion of Highway 101 is named after him.

We are thankful for his many years of service and his presence in our community. Along with his family and friends, I extend my best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to Sig on his 100th birthday.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILLIE DEAN

#### HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of City of Apopka Commissioner, Billie Dean. Commissioner Dean passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020, but his life of service will continue to make a difference in the lives of others for decades to come.

Mr. Dean proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning the Bronze Star for his heroism on the battlefield.

After his military service, Commissioner Dean attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and received a master's degree in Agriculture. Commissioner Dean was a proud, "rattler" and everyone knew it! He was one of the most enthusiastic alumnus and served as an inspiration to young adults in college or preparing for the journey. Commissioner Dean had a long-standing career spanning 38 years as an agriculture teacher at both Phyllis Wheatley High School and Apopka High School. He fully understood that education was the key to success, and he committed to ensuring that his students were prepared for the future.

Billie Dean loved Apopka and he was willing to do the work necessary to make the place he called home a great place to live, work, and visit. After retiring from the school system, he was elected to the Apopka City Commission. A visionary with a powerful voice, Commissioner Dean worked tirelessly to revitalize South Apopka by creating state of the art facilities, enhancing affordable housing opportunities, and increasing public safety.

Commissioner Dean served on the city commission with honor and distinction for 24 years before retiring as the Vice Mayor.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Dean was a true public servant. His unselfish service to his country and community has truly made a positive difference in the city of Apopka, in the State of Florida, and the United States of America. We are grateful for a life well lived.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MARSHALL J. HUNT

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marshall J. Hunt's many contributions to the communities of Wayne Coun-

ty, Michigan and statewide, particularly his nearly four decades of service to Accounting Aid Society, one of southeast Michigan's largest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance non-profit organizations.

A Certified Public Accountant for more than fifty years, Marshall Hunt accumulated more than thirty years of federal service to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and in tax administration before joining the team at Accounting Aid Society. Mr. Hunt possesses a wealth of knowledge and expertise on income tax issues and tax code. More importantly, Marshall Hunt recognizes the need for financial and income tax services in metropolitan Detroit's most vulnerable communities.

As director of Accounting Aid's income tax program, Mr. Hunt has been instrumental in the organization's growth to provide free income tax preparation at multiple locations throughout southeast Michigan, including mobile pop-up sites. This work is vital in putting deserved dollars in the form of income tax refunds back into the pockets of the people who need it most.

Beyond his work with Accounting Aid Society, Marshall Hunt is an educator. He teaches accounting at University of Michigan Dearborn and is instrumental in Accounting Aid's volunteer income tax preparers' education each year. In addition, he has served on the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council. He is a member of the Michigan Department of Treasury Individual Tax Advisory Group, the Tax Practice and Procedures Committee of the American Institute of CPAs, and the Steering Committee of the Taxpayer Opportunity Network. Mr. Hunt is also active in the Michigan Association of CPAs and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

Please join me in recognizing Marshall Hunt's numerous outstanding contributions and his thirty-nine years of service to Accounting Aid Society.

#### HONORING JOANI MOLLER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

#### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, September is National Suicide Prevention month. In light of this, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Joani Moller, the Area Director for the Iowa Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, as our Iowan of the Week.

In Iowa, one person dies by suicide every 18 hours. It is the second leading cause of death amongst people ages 15–34 and is the ninth leading cause of death in the state overall. Iowa finds itself in a particularly concerning situation as farmers remain at highest risk of death by suicide. And as we continue to see the effects of isolation during the COVID–19 pandemic on mental health across the board, suicide rates are an immediate concern.

Thankfully, we have people like Joani Moller dedicated to the mission of eliminating suicides in Iowa. After 20 years of non-profit work, Joani became Area Director of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Iowa Chapter just over a year ago. In

the short time since, she has managed to build their board, collaborate with new community organizations to support their suicide awareness and fundraising events, and build coalitions with other suicide prevention organizations in Polk County. She is inspired by her volunteers' dedication to the mission of AFSP and the stories they share with her. "When I started for AFSP, it was shocking to me how many people's lives have been touched by suicide," said Joani. At the age of 18, she too experienced the loss of her boyfriend when he took his life.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa is a grassroots organization that focuses on eliminating death by suicide through programming, events, and providing vital resources to Iowans in need.

Their programs educate people from different backgrounds about the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. They also work hard to raise much-needed funds for research and programs that provide support to people who have lost individuals to suicide.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AFSP's Iowa Chapters have successfully transitioned their in-person programming to virtual offerings, providing over 500 presentations in just four months. They have also created an additional program: Enhancing Mental Health during COVID-19.

Preventing suicides is no small task. Joani believes that continuing to have conversations is a critical part of suicide prevention as it destigmatizes the topic and makes people more comfortable confronting it. As new obstacles continue to present themselves during this pandemic, we are fortunate and grateful to have people like her running vital organizations in Iowa. While Joani humbly credits the success of AFSP to her volunteers, we know it would not be the organization that it is today without her dedication towards its success and the elimination of suicide in the state of Iowa.

It is my honor to recognize Joani Moller as our Iowan of the Week. I will continue to work in Congress to ensure everyone has access to accessible and affordable health and mental health care so that Joani's goal of zero suicides becomes a reality.

#### RECOGNIZING HOWARD BERRY'S TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR VET- ERANS

##### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Howard Berry of Cincinnati, Ohio, who passed away on June 17, 2020, for his tireless advocacy for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

After tragically losing his son, Joshua, a U.S. Army veteran, to suicide, Mr. Berry dedicated himself to veteran mental health issues and veteran suicide. His advocacy throughout Greater Cincinnati led to expanded resources and programs for veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Recognizing a serious problem, Mr. Berry started Flags for Forgotten Soldiers, which placed American flags on the graves of servicemembers who died from suicide to honor their service. Flags for Forgotten Sol-

diers has now been replicated in 32 other states.

Mr. Berry was passionately committed to raising awareness about veteran suicide, and in February 2020, Ohio became the first state in the nation to dedicate a highway and recognize veteran suicide in that way.

I thank Howard for his commitment to drawing greater attention to this issue and providing better resources and care for our nation's brave and deserving veterans. Our community is grateful for his many years of advocacy and contribution.

#### REMEMBERING BRIAN PATRICK O'DONNELL

##### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brian Patrick O'Donnell, of Akron, Ohio, who passed away on September 1, 2020.

Born in Altoona, PA, Brian lived most of his life in Akron, Ohio. He was a diehard Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan and loved fishing, especially with his grandchildren.

Brian was an amazing baseball player himself, playing for his high school alma mater, South High School in Akron. Mr. O'Donnell loved spending time with his family and dutifully served our country in the United States Army. After leaving the Army, Brian worked for the Finest, Tops, and Giant Eagle food chains for over 30 years.

Brian was preceded in death by his grandmother, Grandma Burks; brother Leon (Lee) Jones, Jr.; mother-in-law, Ruth Mosley; brothers-in-law, Robert Mosley and Roger Mosley, Sr.

Brian leaves to cherish his life and legacy, the love of his life, Velze (Mosley) O'Donnell, his wife of 42 years; children: Camilla (Franklin) Lewis, Tara Mosley Samples, Gordon Mosley and Donte Mosley, Sr.; parents, Margaret Jane O'Donnell (Leon) and Thomas Alfred O'Donnell; siblings: Thomas O'Donnell (Shirley), Deborah Mosley (Derrick), David O'Donnell, Beanne Clipper, Leon Jones (Wendy), Farrah O'Donnell and Christopher Jones (Mandy); 25 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

I am proud to represent the great City of Akron, along with Mr. O'Donnell's daughter, Councilwoman Tara Mosley Samples. My sincerest thanks to Mr. O'Donnell for his brave service to our country. My deepest condolences go out to Brian's family and to all whose lives he touched.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS MEMORIAL RE- MOVAL ACT

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act. This bill would remove

the plaque and inscription bearing Francis G. Newlands' name from Chevy Chase Circle, a federal park located both in the District of Columbia and Maryland. I am pleased that Representative JAMIE RASKIN joins me in introducing this bill.

Newlands was a U.S. senator from Nevada, a conservationist and the founder of the Chevy Chase Land Company, which developed the Chevy Chase neighborhood that touches D.C. and Maryland. Newlands was also a segregationist. He built Connecticut Avenue and dedicated it to D.C., and ran a streetcar up the road to the newly built Chevy Chase Lake. However, homes on Connecticut Avenue were purposely priced to keep working families out, and covenants were later added to many of the property deeds in Chevy Chase explicitly prohibiting the land from ever being owned by African Americans or Jews. These covenants have since been declared void. He also used his conservationism as a way to keep Black and white Americans separate. In the late 1800s, he and Senator William Stewart secured 2,000 acres of land for Rock Creek Park. Establishing this park not only increased property values for landowners like Stewart and Newlands, but also kept white communities distinct from emerging Black communities on what they called the "wrong side of the park." Newlands' racist views went even further. In 1912, he called for the repeal of the 15th amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote.

The fountain was established in 1932 by Congress. In 1990, the Chevy Chase Land Company also added the plaque next to the fountain. My bill would remove Newlands' name from the fountain and remove the plaque entirely. A resolution to remove Newlands' name from the fountain was first introduced by the Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission in 2014, and on July 27, 2020, the Commission voted unanimously to ask the National Park Service to remove the bronze plaque bearing Newlands' name and to begin discussion on a new name for the fountain. My legislation would gift both the plaque and the inscription on the fountain to Newlands' descendants.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MANJIT SINGH

##### HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. COSTA, to honor the life of Manjit Singh and to recognize his valiant act of heroism. On August 5th, 2020 Manjit Singh heroically sacrificed his own life while rescuing three children that were being swept away by a strong current at the Kings River near Reedley, California. Manjit was enjoying a summer day when he saw the children struggling in the water. Without hesitation, he jumped in to save them. Manjit and other bystanders were able to pull two of the children to safety but when returning to the water to save the third child, Manjit was swept away. He was just 29 years old.



Manjit Singh came from a loving family headed by his father, Gurbakhsh Singh, and mother, Harjit Kaur, and was the youngest of three siblings from Chhina Railwala in Gurdaspur District of Punjab. He came from a small farming family and was dedicated to his family, neighbors, and community. He came to the United States in 2018 seeking economic opportunities and religious freedom with hopes to support his family in Punjab. He fell in love with the Central Valley community and was eager to build roots and become locally involved.

Throughout the local Sikh community, he was known for his community service, generosity, caring-nature, jovial personality, and infectious laugh. He had inspiration and the entrepreneurial drive to start his own trucking company.

In a time where we have seen too much selfishness and hatred, Manjit's actions should always be remembered. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in a moment of silence to honor the sacrifice of Mr. Manjit Singh. Manjit will be missed by all his loved ones and our community will mourn the loss of this noble hero.

**TRIBUTE TO PANDORA NASH-KARNER—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR**

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Pandora Nash-Karner of Los Osos, California.

Pandora has been a consistent, positive force in Los Osos and San Luis Obispo. She was elected to serve on the Los Osos Community Service District Board when it was formed in 1998 and chaired its Wastewater and Park Committees. She has also served on the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) as a Parks Commissioner since 1991, where she continuously advocates for parks and public open space for our community.

Pandora is the force behind Celebrate Los Osos, a 501 (c)(3) that utilizes volunteers to plant, paint, beautify, build, repair, refurbish, and maintain projects in order to stimulate community pride and leave a legacy for all to enjoy. She has been recognized for this work as Los Osos Citizen of the Year, Woman of the Year, Kiwanian of the Year, San Luis Obispo County Volunteer of the Year and received the Mary Rhode Award from the League of Women Voters.

Those who know Pandora describe her as someone who shares herself as a person and role model. She has motivated countless community members to get involved, which has served as inspiration for exceptional projects and an abundance of good will. Our community is tremendously lucky to count her as a friend and neighbor. Pandora's tireless service to our district makes her someone who all

young women and men can look up to with admiration.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Pandora Nash-Karner, for her incredible service to her community.

**COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 2694, PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT**

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I am hereby including in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 2694, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U. S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, September 9, 2020.

Hon. BOBBY SCOTT,  
Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2694, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Sofia Guo.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
Director.

Enclosure.

**H.R. 2694, PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT—AS ORDERED REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR ON JANUARY 14, 2020**

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2020	2020–2025	2020–2030
Direct Spending (Outlays) .....	0	*	*
Revenues .....	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit .....	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) .....	0	3	not estimated

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? Excluded from UMRA.

Contains private-sector mandate? Excluded from UMRA.

H.R. 2694 would require all public-sector employers and any private-sector employers with more than 15 workers to make reasonable accommodations for the known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions of employees and job applicants.<sup>1</sup> The bill would not require employers to make any accommodation that would impose an undue hardship on business operations. Under the bill, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) would be required to issue regulations to implement the bill within two years of enactment.

Using information from the EEOC, CBO expects that for the first three years after the regulations are issued, the EEOC would re-

ceive roughly 500 more claims related to pregnancy discrimination (an increase of about 20 percent) each year. (The EEOC expects that after three years, the number of pregnancy discrimination claims would return to prior levels as employers comply with the new regulations.) To meet that workload, CBO estimates that the commission would need seven additional employees, at a cost of about \$3 million over the 2021–2025 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. For fiscal year 2020, the Congress appropriated about \$390 million for all of the EEOC's operations.

Enacting the bill could affect direct spending by some agencies that are allowed to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover operating costs. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible because most of them can adjust amounts collected to reflect changes in operating costs.

CBO has not reviewed H.R. 2694 for intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that would establish or enforce statutory rights prohibiting discrimination. CBO has determined that the bill falls within that exclusion because it would extend protections against discrimination in the workplace based on sex to employees requesting reasonable accommodation for pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Sofia Guo (for federal costs) and Lilia Ledezma (for mandates). The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

<sup>1</sup>Current law provides protections to pregnant workers who are denied reasonable accommodations by their employers. However, the Supreme Court has ruled that a pregnant worker may bring a claim against an employer only if the petitioner can demonstrate that the employer has provided accommodations to workers with similar limitations who are not pregnant (*Young v. United Parcel Service, Inc.*, 575 U.S. 12, 1226 (2015). <https://go.usa.gov/xG4jx>, PDF, 230 KB). H.R. 2694 would allow pregnant workers to bring such claims without meeting that requirement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT CAMPBELL**

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Robert "Bob" Campbell.

Born in Southern California, Bob moved at a young age with his family to Richmond, California, where he grew up in a World War II housing development known as Atchison Village. After high school, he attended Contra Costa Community College and graduated from San Francisco State University. Bob went on to receive a Master's Degree in history from UC Berkeley and serve in both the U.S. Army and California National Guard.

As a dedicated member of the community, Bob was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1975. In 1980, he was elected to the California State Assembly, where he represented District 11—the same district I represented. Bob served in the California Legislature for 16

years, during which time he was the chair of the State Assembly's Ways and Means subcommittee on education.

After his time in the Assembly, Bob was appointed to the California Coastal Commission, where he continued to work tirelessly on behalf of his community and our state. Bob is remembered by his colleagues as a passionate, energetic, and humble civic leader who prioritized connecting with the individuals he represented, especially those needed help the most.

Later in Bob's career, he continued to lobby in Sacramento and worked as a consultant for school and college districts. He is also remembered as a member of the local business community, having been an insurance broker and owning a brokerage company in Richmond.

Sadly Bob passed away this year. He is survived by his wife, former Richmond City Councilmember Maria Viramontes. Please join me in honoring Bob Campbell for his many contributions to our community and the state of California. Bob was a cherished member of Contra Costa County and he will be missed.

#### RECOGNIZING THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY

#### HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Specifically, I want to recognize the important partnership between the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the Red Cross, as well as congratulate them on celebrating their Centennial in the United States.

For the past 10 years, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the Red Cross have teamed up to host the "Muslims for Life" Blood Drive Campaign to remember the lives lost on 9/11. I am proud to work alongside the dedicated members of this community as they push to spread the message of peace and global unity. It is through their message of religious tolerance and freedom where we can truly bring people together in peaceful harmony.

It is through actions like that I stand as a proud member of the bi-partisan Congressional Ahmadiyya Muslim Caucus, which works with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to protect religious freedom and fight against religious intolerance.

Through the work in the Caucus, I have been fortunate to meet His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who serves as the fifth Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. As the spiritual leader of the community, his message of global peace and devotion to human rights radiates to his millions of members around the world.

As we persevere in the movement for human rights and religious tolerance across the globe, I am grateful to continue this partnership with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and thank them for their positive work in our communities.

#### HOPE AND HEALTH EQUITY FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

#### HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, nearly six months have passed since the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) was declared a public health emergency in the United States. At this moment in time, we have seen over 192,000 deaths nationwide due to COVID-19, with a disproportionate share of those impacted being Black and African American and Hispanic and Latino Americans.

The disparity in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths is stunning. The rate of COVID-19 cases in Black and African American or Hispanic and Latino Americans are 2.6 times and 2.8 times, respectively, greater than white Americans. Black and African American patients are dying at 2.4 times the rate of white Americans. Hispanic or Latino Americans are hospitalized at 4.6 times the rate of white Americans. We can quantify this disparity by the incidence and prevalence of this disease by race and ethnicity, but we have a responsibility to understand how these disparities are rooted and linked to social determinants of health already present in minority and underserved communities that compound the disproportionate impact of COVID-19.

In New York's 13th Congressional District, we have seen the disproportionate impact of this disease in all parts of our community from Harlem to Washington Heights to Inwood and into the Bronx. In our community we have dedicated health care providers—extraordinary professionals of all backgrounds, experience, and expertise—who have gone to extraordinary lengths to care for COVID-19 patients. Among these health care heroes are groups like SOMOS Community Care and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York who have demonstrated incredible agility in caring for their patients who are most vulnerable and in need.

They understand how patient care and interventions need can best be tailored to meet the challenge of COVID-19 or otherwise in the hospital, clinic, and home settings. This is a tremendous benefit for the patient and their family members, and I am grateful for the work they continue to provide especially in providing palliative and hospice care. These are fields of care that we may not often think about until the moment that we or a loved one need this care the most. But these are important tools that we must utilize in order to address social determinants of health as we move towards better outcomes and quality of life for patients.

In these past six months, we have learned a great deal about this COVID-19 disease and best practices to care for vulnerable populations in underserved communities. The Visiting Nurse Service of New York PROJECT HOPE Physicians and Health Leaders' Summit is a great opportunity to share what we have seen and learned through this pandemic and apply the best practices towards immediate and future health care planning and delivery. As this group of health care professionals convenes, I join in their Day of HOPE and Equity for Communities of Color in New York and reject the premise that one's zip code defines their life span and health.

#### HONORING AL MAGGINI

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Al Maggini in celebration of his 105th birthday on September 5, 2020.

Mr. Maggini was born and raised in San Francisco, California. After graduating from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in 1933, he began his career in the financial industry. At the onset of World War II, Mr. Maggini put his career on pause to join the United States Army Air Corps as a B-17 aerial navigator in the Eighth Air Force. After the war, Mr. Maggini returned to San Francisco to continue his career as a stockbroker before moving to Santa Rosa in 1965.

After moving to Santa Rosa, Mr. Maggini joined the faculty of Santa Rosa Junior College to teach night classes, including a course on flying to returning soldiers and a basic finance class. After more than eleven years of teaching, he was invited to serve on the Santa Rosa Junior College's board of trustees. During his 33-year tenure as a trustee, he helped guide the board through many difficult decisions by urging his fellow trustees to consider what is in the best interest of the students that they serve.

Mr. Maggini's service to his community extends beyond his time at Santa Rosa Junior College. He has dedicated his time and energy to ensure the health and quality of life of his fellow community members, both through his efforts to fundraiser for Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and through his endowment of the Al and Helen Maggini Legacy. In 2018, he was presented with the Frank P. Doyle Philanthropy Award, which honors local business leaders who use their time, money, and energy to help meet critical community needs.

Madam Speaker, Al Maggini is the kind of community member we should all strive to be. His life has been dedicated to serving the people around him, from his time in the Army to his work in Santa Rosa. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING COLONEL AARON W. REISINGER

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor Colonel Aaron W. Reisinger, Commander and District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)—Chicago District. Throughout his command, Colonel Reisinger's dedication and steadfast leadership has proven worthy of the highest praise. Colonel Reisinger will relinquish his command to Colonel Paul B. Culberson at a change of command ceremony on September 18, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1994, Colonel Reisinger graduated from the United States Military Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to earn a master's degree in engineer management from the University of Missouri at Rolla



and a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University. In addition, he is a distinguished graduate of the United States Naval War College where he earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Colonel Reisinger's lifetime of service to the United States Army and to the citizens of our great country is to be highly commended. The Colonel served as a platoon leader and executive officer in the 14th Engineer Battalion from 1994 to 1998. From 2000 to 2002, he was a company commander in the 299th Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. Later, from 2012 to 2014, Colonel Reisinger commanded the 84th Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In addition, he has served as a trainer at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, an action officer for the Joint Staff, Plans and Strategy within the Deputy Directorate for the War on Terrorism, as military transition team chief within an Iraqi infantry battalion, operations officer in the 65th Engineer Battalion and 130th Engineer Brigade, and chief of operations for the 8th Theater Sustainment Command. He also completed two combat deployments to Iraq and one operational deployment in the South Pacific.

For his distinguished service, Colonel Reisinger is the recipient of two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, one Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and multiple Iraq campaign stars.

Colonel Reisinger assumed command of the USACE-Chicago District in 2017. During his time as District Commander in Chicago, his leadership has played an integral role in the agency's accomplishments, most notably in Northwest Indiana. In partnership with local municipalities, the USACE implemented more than \$14 million in stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure projects designed to improve water quality throughout the region and ultimately improve the quality of life and place in these communities. Colonel Reisinger's command saw the completion of the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project, protecting residents from the devastating effects of flooding and providing the opportunity for increased economic development. Dredging continues within the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal to remove contaminated sediment and to restore its navigable depth, benefitting local industry as the improvements within the canal allow industrial users to increase efficacy in shipping along the Great Lakes.

As our country continues to grapple with the uncertainty and strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, I would be remiss for not praising Colonel Reisinger for his dedicated effort this spring to coordinate the large-scale operation to convert Chicago's McCormick Place Convention Center into an alternative care facility.

Finally, I would like to offer my deep appreciation for his efforts, alongside officials at the Division and HQ, to successfully complete the realignment and expansion of Chicago District in the last few months, ensuring continued mission stability and the long-term partnership between the Corps and our local communities. These projects and others stand testament to Colonel Reisinger's commitment to the USACE's mission to work with its partners to

energize the nation's economy through its civil works projects and to respond to the toughest challenges. I am grateful for his generosity of spirit, his meticulous work ethic, and his dedicated life of service.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Reisinger has selflessly served his country and his fellow Americans, and he has been unwavering in his leadership and commitment to our great country. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Colonel Aaron W. Reisinger for his exceptional service to the United States and for his outstanding command of the United States Army Corps of Engineers—Chicago District.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN "JACK" FRANCIS DWYER (1921–2015) FOR HIS SERVICE AS PART OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICE (OSS) DURING WWII AS PART OF OPERATION CARPETBAGGER

### HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Sergeant John Francis Dwyer and his service to our country. As a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during WWII as part of Operation Carpetbagger, Sergeant Dwyer was among the men and women who comprised America's first spy agency, a predecessor to the CIA. On March 21, 2018, Congress bestowed its highest civilian honor upon the group by presenting them with the Congressional Gold Medal.

The archivists of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, the repository of the United States Air Force's official unit histories, have researched their files and found that after enlistment on August 5, 1942, Sergeant John F. Dwyer arrived in England on March 18, 1945 and was subsequently assigned to the 406th Bombardment Squadron at Harrington Air-drome. After theater and aircrew orientation, Sergeant Dwyer and his crew, under the command of Captain Maurice W. Freeman, became operational on May 17, 1945. Captain Freeman and his crew flew eight successful missions between May 17 and June 9. Sergeant Dwyer was honorably discharged on November 10, 1945.

In addition to the dangers from German night fighters and flak, the Carpetbaggers always ran the risk of crashing into hillsides as they made low-level parachute deliveries to the resistance forces waiting below. From January 1944 to May 1945, they completed 1,860 sorties and delivered 20,495 containers and 11,174 packages of vital supplies to the resistance forces in western and northwestern Europe. Overall, more than 1,000 parachutists were dropped into enemy territory.

The OSS Congressional Gold Medal Act states that the group was America's first effort to implement a system of strategic intelligence during World War II and provided the basis for the modern-day American intelligence and special operations communities. At its peak in late 1944, it employed almost 13,000 individuals, a third of whom were women.

The OSS organized, trained, supplied, and fought with resistance organizations through-

out Europe and Asia which played an important role in America's victory during World War II. The OSS invented and employed new technology through its Research and Development Branch, inventing new weapons and revolutionary communications equipment. Its X-2 branch pioneered counterintelligence with the British and established the modern counterintelligence community. The network of contacts built by the OSS with foreign intelligence services led to enduring Cold War alliances. OSS "Mercy Missions" at the end of World War II saved the lives of thousands of Allied prisoners of war.

Present-day Special Operations Forces trace their lineage to the OSS. Its Maritime Unit was a precursor to the U.S. Navy SEALs. The OSS Operational Groups and Jedburghs were forerunners to U.S. Army Special Forces. The 801st/492nd Bombardment Group were progenitors to the Air Force Special Operations Command. The Marines who served in the OSS were predecessors to the Marine Special Operations Command. U.S. Coast Guard personnel were recruited for the Maritime Unit and its Operational Simmer Group. Ultimately, the OSS spawned the Central Intelligence Agency.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant John Francis Dwyer as he rests in peace after such extraordinary service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF NEW HAVEN'S UNION STATION

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with my heartfelt congratulations that I rise today to join the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the City of New Haven to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of our very own Union Station—a remarkable milestone for this community treasure.

Union Station holds a special place in my heart as it has been of my life for many years. Having attended Lauralton Hall in Milford, I was at Union Station every day to catch the train to school. Today, as a Member of Congress, the train is how I commute to work every week. In fact, I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of gratitude to the Red Caps of Union Station who have helped me with all of my luggage getting to and from the train on numerous occasions—without them I may have missed many trains. Designed by famed architect Cass Gilbert, with its vaulted ceilings and marbled brick, decorated with oblong benches upon which model trains are showcased, Union Station is not only a bustling intermodal center, it is a work of art. And though the original flip-card scheduling board has been replaced with an electronic version, that unique ticking sound of the flip-cards can still be heard throughout the Grand Hall as trains arrive and depart.

Now in its centennial year, Union Station is one of the busiest rail facilities in the State of Connecticut along one of the busiest rail lines in the United States. It serves more than one hundred-twenty-five thousand passengers weekly and more than forty million a year,

generating nearly fifty million dollars in revenue a year into our local economy. But beyond its economic importance to our community, its value lies in the connection it brings to us. It connects the New Haven line into New York City, the Hartford Line into Hartford and Springfield. It also connects the Shoreline East into New London and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C. and points beyond.

Most importantly, Union Station connects our past to our future. Opened in the shadow of the Spanish Influenza pandemic, it is a particularly poignant reminder of what can be done and what must be done even amid calamity. We stand here today to both celebrate that old victory and to set our eyes forward to new ones. It is inspiring to see a local reminder of what America can do when we build toward a better future through infrastructure and when we at all levels of government support local priorities.

I extend my deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to all the workers who keep Union Station running every day—especially those declared essential at this difficult time. I am honored to stand today and join all of those gathered in wishing this remarkable institution a very happy 100th anniversary. As we say in Italian, Cent' Anni.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD  
JAMES LOVE

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Edward James Love, better known as Ed Love, a legend in Detroit's music scene, on the occasion of his retirement. Ed Love is the renowned voice of "Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program", playing jazz classics and new material each week on Detroit's WDET radio station.

Born in Parsons, Kansas, Mr. Love was raised in a family of music lovers and whose parents instilled in him a great appreciation for jazz music. He began studying the trumpet in grade school and continued his studies through junior college. After graduating from Parsons Junior College in Kansas, Mr. Love chose to pursue a career in broadcasting at the Pathfinder Broadcast School in Kansas City, Missouri, where he graduated at the top of his class.

Ed Love's first job in broadcasting came in 1951 at radio station KIND in Independence, Kansas. In 1952 he joined the United States Air Force and served as an Armed Forces Radio staffer in the Philippines, during the Korean War. After returning home from the war, Mr. Love returned to KIND to continue his career in radio. Throughout the 1950s, Ed Love worked at radio stations in New York, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In 1959, fate brought Ed Love to Detroit, where he went to convalesce among family and friends from a severe case of influenza. Mr. Love was delighted to discover the proliferation of jazz clubs and lively musical scene in the city of Detroit. From then on, Ed Love made his home in Detroit. Pursuing his passion for music by night, Mr. Love worked as a U.S. postal carrier by day, a job he held for more than thirty-five years.

During his tenure in Detroit, Mr. Love worked at a variety of jazz stations before landing at Detroit's National Public Radio affiliate WDET in 1983. His weekly show, *Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program*, grew into a one of the station's most popular programs, responsible for introducing several generations of young people to jazz. His deep and mellifluous voice is familiar not only to Detroiters, but also to the national audiences who heard his syndicated National Public Radio (NPR) program, *The Evolution of Jazz*—a program that ran for six years and was heard on several stations around the US and two stations in Puerto Rico.

Ed Love overcame a stroke suffered in 1994 to continue making an impact in the world of music. There is no doubt that his passion for music has left a lasting impression on appreciators of jazz locally and across our nation. Please join me in recognizing his many contributions as we wish him well in his retirement from more than six decades in broadcasting.

HONORING MS. LUSILA "LUSI"  
ORTEGA

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a remarkable community leader from my district, Ms. Lusila "Lusi" Ortega.

A native of Lozano, Texas, Ms. Ortega, got her first job as a teacher at the Rio Hondo Head Start in 1971. At the time, the Head Start program did not provide transportation, so she, along with her husband Juan Alaniz, retrofitted an old GSA van and drove it to transport children in the surrounding rural areas. She also organized many fundraisers and fun family events to benefit the Head Start children and families. Ms. Ortega's dedication and success caught the eye of her supervisors and she was promoted to work at the administrative level as a Parent Involvement/Volunteer Services Coordinator. With the support of her peers and community leaders, she helped build a phenomenal Parent Involvement Program that was recognized at the national level. Ms. Ortega spearheaded many fund raising events that provided parents the opportunity to travel and advocate for Head Start in the state of Texas and across the country.

In 1990, Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS) was awarded the Head Start grant and Ms. Ortega was promoted to Assistant Head Start Director. During her tenure, the Head Start Program grew from serving a few hundred children to now serving over 2,900 Head Start and Early Head Start students. Ms. Ortega served on the National Head Start Association Board of Directors and she was the first Head Start staff member elected to preside over the Texas Head Start Association (THSA) Board of Directors. The THSA continues to honor her service by awarding a yearly scholarship in her name. Ms. Ortega was also selected to represent Region VI at the White House when President Bill Clinton signed a bill into law that broadened the Head Start Program to include children under the age of three.

Ms. Ortega was a member of the National Head Start Association Board of Directors, the

Texas Department of Human Services Licensing Advisory Council, the University of Texas at Brownsville Child Care and Development Advisory Council, the Rio Grande Valley OIC Foster Grandparent Advisory Council, and was the Region VI Head Start Association Board of Directors officer. She was also a fellow with the Johnson & Johnson Management program and served as intergovernmental staff in the Office of Children and Families Region VI for one year.

Anyone who knows Lusi Ortega knows her as the "Voice of Head Start." I wish her a happy retirement and thank her for her lasting contributions to the educational and personal development of the children of South Texas.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC EN-  
GAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to update my Congressional colleagues on my continued consultations with transatlantic partners to address critical challenges in European security.

On September 2nd, I joined a video meeting of the leadership of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), in my capacity as Chairman of that body's Committee on Political Affairs and Security. The meeting included about one dozen parliamentarians from across Europe. Senator ROGER WICKER of Mississippi also participated in the discussion.

The news of the confirmed poisoning of Russian political figure Alexey Navalny broke during our meeting, and I am pleased to report that my colleagues and I immediately agreed to unanimously condemn this heinous act, whose origins can be traced directly to the Putin regime. There are now reports that some in Germany are reconsidering the Nordstream 2 pipeline deal with Russia. I have long argued against this project in the Parliamentary Assembly on grounds that it jeopardizes Europe's energy security.

The Assembly's leadership continues to monitor the deeply concerning developments in Belarus in the wake of the falsification of the results of the presidential elections in Belarus on August 9. Detentions and brutal treatment of protesters, members of the media, and bystanders continues unabated even as the Belarusian people rise in defense of their fundamental rights, rights the Belarusian government has pledged itself to uphold under the Helsinki Final Act. I am honored to represent the U.S. Congress in discussions with our European partners as we try to encourage a peaceful and democratic way forward for the people of Belarus.

Among the other issues under discussion was the outbreak of fighting along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border in mid-July and the role that regional powers may be playing in the tense security situation. We agreed that the parties should continue to look for ways to de-escalate, and to resume negotiations under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group. The Assembly has generally backed the work of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs, the agreed international format for addressing the conflict; the

Co-chairs have called for all sides to refrain from provocative statements and actions. We were asked to look into troubling reports that, following the devastating August 4th Beirut port explosion, de facto Armenian authorities in Nagorno Karabakh are resettling displaced Lebanese Armenians to disputed or occupied territories. While any reasonable person witnessing that horrible event would welcome the Armenian Government's efforts to provide relief and resettlement support to displaced Lebanese Armenians, I fear that resettlement in disputed or occupied territory could damage prospects for a peaceful, negotiated resolution to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict. The Assembly's leadership agreed to consider additional steps it could take towards supporting peaceful resolution of this conflict.

The OSCE, including the Parliamentary Assembly, engages in election observation efforts, primarily with the goal of encouraging good practices in countries still in the process of democratic transition. In Montenegro during the last week of August, the Assembly deployed its first observation mission since the pandemic struck. I welcomed that effort in our NATO ally, not only to strengthen the democratic institutions that fundamental to NATO membership but also to support that country as it faces malign outside influences, including from Russia.

The OSCE also intends to observe our general elections in November, demonstrating that all countries, not just those in transition, should be open to observation and willing to consider ways to improve their respective electoral processes. I noted the extensive debates we Americans have on this same subject, including now the issue of mail-in voting. In discussing the situation in the United States, I made an effort to note that our country is facing challenges but is still strong. I believe it is important to present a complete picture that counters perceptions of a more dire situation when viewed across the Atlantic, as well as malign messaging that seeks to separate us from our friends and allies.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Madam Speaker, provides Members of Congress with a unique, bipartisan opportunity to work with our friends and allies to help resolve pressing global issues while promoting our shared values. Because it also includes delegations from Russia, Belarus and other countries who disregard the OSCE commitments to which they gave their consent regarding democratic government and respect for human rights, it is also uniquely suited to speaking to their representatives directly and making clear that their behavior is unacceptable and negatively affects our bilateral relationships.

Madam Speaker, I hope all my colleagues agree and join me today in condemning Lukashenko's cruel repressions in Belarus and the Putin regime's sinister efforts to silence its critics, as well as in recognizing the importance of continued Congressional engagement with the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE as a means to address these important matters.

## HONORING TROY AND TANNER BARABY, FOUNDERS OF SOUTH JUNCTION ENTERPRISES, FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL REVITALIZATION OF THE PLATTSBURGH RAIL YARD

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous effort Troy and Tanner Baraby have put into revitalizing the rail yard in Plattsburgh, New York.

In 2017, the Baraby brothers established South Junction Enterprises to provide local businesses the opportunity to ship inventory in and out of the area by rail. The company has facilitated local farmers in reaching a wide customer base as their cars ship products across the North Country, New England and Canada. This project has successfully repurposed an abandoned rail yard to a thriving business. In the first two years of operations, South Junction Enterprises has quadrupled its rail car capacity to greater fulfill the community needs.

Local businesses are the backbone of the North Country economy and push innovation forward. Job creation and economic growth stemming from entrepreneurship are vital for long term sustainable development in our community. I applaud the entrepreneurial spirit that runs within the Baraby family and their commitment to serving our community that has continued over many generations. In addition to South Junction Enterprises, the brothers continue to operate Moore Recycling in Keeseville, New York which was founded by their grandfather, George Moore.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank the Baraby family and the entire South Junction Enterprises team for their dedication to the community and congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far.

## HONORING SABETHA MUMM AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating an Iowan who models the promise of the American Dream and someone who has turned their passion for dance into a thriving small business. It is my great honor to recognize Sabetha Mumm, the owner of Dance Vision in Johnston, as Iowan of the Week.

A lifelong dancer, Sabetha always knew she was meant to share her love of dance with others. After one semester of college as a pre-law major, she switched to a dance major, eventually graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance with Honors. Without enough resources to help her career in dance immediately come to fruition, she initially opted for a more traditional career path in an office setting.

Years later while encouraging her young son to follow his dreams, she realized she

needed to do the same. She wanted to lead by example for her children and provide young Iowans the resources she hadn't had to pursue their dreams of careers in dance. With the support of her family, the native Iowan dedicated the next few years to researching and planning her business: Dance Vision. Since opening in 2003, Mumm has grown Dance Vision from a rented, 2,500 square foot space with one studio to a custom-designed, 12,000 square foot facility with five different studios.

Thousands of talented students have come through her classes and several hundred have gone on to find professional success as dancers in the United States and abroad. They've graced Broadway shows, advanced through televised dance competitions, toured with world-famous musical artists, and been featured in music videos, Sabetha credits this overwhelming success to the spirit and work ethic of Iowans. There's plenty of talent here, she says, and now a resource to help it flourish.

After learning more about Sabetha's journey and growing venture, it came as no surprise that she was named the Small Business Administration's 2020 Iowa Small Businessperson of the Year: a prestigious honor very well deserved.

Businesses like Sabetha's are vital to the success of any community. This is a fact we see more each day as the pandemic stretches on. As a small business owner myself, I know it is an incredible challenge to start and maintain that vision. Sabetha's drive to pursue her dream is inspiring—that kind of leap is not for the faint of heart. Her decision has clearly paid off as we celebrate her success and thriving dance studio today. She's helping kids and families find joy through movement and self-expression and is passing her passion for dance down to new generations. She is a perfect example of how strategic collaboration, creativity, a little patience, and a lot of hard work can make your dreams a reality.

As I've traveled all 16 counties across my district, one thing every place has in common is that women are who hold our communities together. Whether it's through volunteering at church, providing child care for neighbors, organizing an annual festival, or operating a successful small business—the ladies in our communities are getting things done.

Sabetha says, "The only dreams impossible to reach are the ones that you never pursue." It is people with that kind of spirit that make Iowa such a great place to live, have a family, and grow a business. I will continue to fight in Congress for small business owners like Sabetha to ensure the American dream will always be alive in our community. It is my honor to recognize Sabetha Mumm as our Iowan of the Week.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMANDER OLIVER G. "JACK" EVERETTE

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Commander Oliver G. "Jack" Everette.

Commander Everette was born in 1937 in North Dakota. During his childhood, the

Everette family moved around the country for his father's job as an Evangelical Lutheran Church builder. Commander Everette attended Oregon State University, where he joined the Naval ROTC and was a member of the nationally ranked rifle team. Following graduation, Commander Everette joined the U.S. Navy and became a midshipman on the USS *Wisconsin-BB-64*. His first deployment was on the USS *Bauer-DDE 1025* and he was later stationed in Pearl Harbor where he carried out nuclear submarine service. He went on to become the project manager of the Trident Ballistic Missile Program in Washington, D.C., during which time he helped design the SATRAK Satellite. In 1981, Commander Everette was transferred to Contra Costa County as the Executive Officer at the Concord Naval Weapons Station before retiring in 1985.

Throughout Commander Everette's decorated military service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Medal of Gallantry, SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia, and Meritorious Service Medal.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, then-Lieutenant Everette married Patsy Thompson and the couple had two children. He enjoyed gardening, camping, and studying his genealogy, finding six Revolutionary War ancestors. Commander Everette was also active in several veterans organizations, including the Holland Club of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Mare Island Base, MOAA, Contra Costa Council of the Navy League of the United States, Walnut Creek Elks, VFW Post 1525, and Thomas Jefferson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. For many years, he walked in Concord, California's Fourth of July parade with the VA.

Commander Everette passed away earlier this year. He was a cherished resident of Concord and he will be missed. Please join me in honoring Commander Everette for his many contributions to our country.

CONGRATULATING JANET MENZIE  
ON BEING NAMED SECONDARY  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clements High School choir director Janet Menzie for earning the Texas Association of School Administrators 2021 Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The fine arts play an integral role in our education system, and our teachers are the backbone. The arts also support the emotional

and mental health of our children, a worthy cause especially during this global pandemic. Mrs. Menzie is a gift to her students and an exceptional example for her peers. Her dedication to empowering our youth deserves recognition and the utmost appreciation.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations, Mrs. Menzie, on this achievement. I thank her for her commitment and passion while teaching our kids the power of music.

HONORING BUMGARNER FAMILY  
FUNERAL SERVICE

**HON. DAN BISHOP**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I salute the people of Bumgarner Family Funeral Service in Laurinburg, North Carolina, who helped raise the spirits of their community in these difficult times by giving away 50 3x5 American flags to honor the Fourth of July. Their initiative to give out American flags for free not only serves their community, but also honors their country. I want them to know that their efforts have not gone unrecognized and that I am doing everything I can to help small businesses like Bumgarner in these trying times.

The Bumgarner family has taken time and effort on their part to remind us all that we live in a wonderful country, a country worth celebrating. They have my sincerest admiration and thanks. Their example of patriotism and fortitude deserves recognition. It is this kind of initiative and patriotism that I love to see in our communities, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUSTAVA  
WILSON

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Gustava Wilson, a "Rosie the Riveter" who passed away on August 29, 2020 at the age of 97 after a lifetime of exemplary service to the United States of America and her community in Marin City.

Gustava Wilson was born in Scotlandville parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on March 14, 1923, to McKinley and Olivia Hill. The second of nine children, she attended school until the ninth grade, at which point she took care of her younger siblings and began working at the Istrouma Laundry. Gustava traveled to California in 1942 at the age of 17 as part of the

Second Great Migration, following her brother Isaac Hill and cousin Robert Valentine in search of better opportunities working in the shipyards during World War II. A determined and curious woman, she went to California to see for herself if rumors that the streets were paved with silver and gold were true.

During the war, Gustava joined the roughly 44,000 civilian workers at Mare Island Naval Hospital in Vallejo, California, where she worked as a nurse and cook. The hospital and its staff achieved national and international acclaim during WWII for their orthopedic department, better known as the "amputee shop" or "brace shop." The development and manufacture of plastic limbs and therapy that followed served tens of thousands of disabled military personnel. It is from her dedicated service in this role that Mrs. Wilson earned her place in history as a "Rosie the Riveter."

After the war Gustava returned to Louisiana, where she met and married Joe Wilson. Two years later, they settled and proceeded to raise a family in Marin City, California. They lived in the same home for 60 years and became embedded in the community. Gustava's community service included membership in the Mother's Guild, Senior Sunshine Club, and the Performing Stars' Guiding Stars Grandparents Group. She was affectionately known as "Granny" in the community.

Gustava received many distinguished awards and accolades over the years, including YMCA Woman of the Year, Marin Women's Hall of Fame, and she was honored during Rotary Club of Sausalito's Marinship 75th Anniversary during the Marin City Veterans Day Ceremonies. In 2017, the Native Sons of the Golden West honored Gustava as a great woman of this state for her dedication and service that was instrumental in our country's victory and the Allied victory in World War II.

Gustava was a dedicated mother who deeply treasured every moment with her family, especially her grandchildren. Vivacious and straightforward, she was a strong, determined, and fiercely independent woman.

Gustava is survived by her brother, Wilbert Hill and his wife Inez, sister-in-law Mary Hill, two children Mona and Lena, stepchildren Allen Dell, David, Charles, Nellie Pearl, Josephine & Hollis; goddaughter, Edwina Figueras, godson, Reginald Tisdale; six grandchildren, Kameelah McNeely and husband Derek, Darrena, Robert, Jr., Nellie, Lamar Jr., David; five great grandchildren, Derek, Jr., Dawaiian, Yazmin, Kylea, Amya, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in extending my appreciation for Gustava Wilson's many years of service and dedication to this country and her community, and in expressing my deepest condolences to her family and friends. She will be forever remembered as a shining example of American exceptionalism, and a true Rosie the Riveter.